

SHAFFER

WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION—JOHN CHAPPELL ALSO A CANDIDATE.

MR. SHAFFER GIVES A STATEMENT CONCERNING A BIG CUT IN WAGES.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 29.—The wage committee of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel workers is now in session in this city.

Theodore J. Shaffer said today: "I shall be a candidate for re-election to the presidency by the convention. I hear there will be some opposition. John Chappell, of Washington, is a candidate. I know of no others."

Concerning a statement that the 18 per cent. reduction recently accepted by the rollers at Pittsburgh made a total reduction of fifty per cent. for the rollers while the cutters and roughers wages had not been reduced, Shaffer said: "I know of no rollers who have accepted cuts aggregating fifty per cent."

GIVING UP THE FIGHT OF 1904. (From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

It is clear that not a single sane Democrat in the United States looks for a victory for his party in 1904. Ex-Boss Croker of Tammany undoubtedly voices the judgment of every other Democrat of sense in saying that the Democrats are not expecting victory this year, and that all they can do now is to work for 1908. Bryan sees the drift against his party very plainly, as is shown by his assault on Parker and his platform, and on Hill and the rest of the persons who are responsible for the man and the out-giving. His Chicago speech of last Saturday night shows that he not only does not expect victory for his side this year, but he does not desire it. There is not a Democratic leader anywhere in the country who has any hope of the result in 1904. The temper displayed by Williams of Mississippi, Cochran of New York, and other spokesmen of the Democracy in Congress displays an irritability and an anger at the anti-Democratic conditions which are significant.

There is a chorus of exclamation from the Cleveland and Hill sections of the Democratic party that "Bryan means to bolt." This is the explanation given by Bryan's Democratic enemies and his attack on the Cleveland aspirant for the nomination. It is a natural assumption, of course. Bryan went to Chicago in cold blood. He hired a hall with his own money; he introduced himself and ran the whole affair. A large number of invitations were issued by him to educators, editors, business men and other conspicuous citizens of the city. He meant to give his meeting as much prominence as possible, and he succeeded. At the outset in his address he pointed out that the affair was unusual, but he justified himself by the gravity of the situation for the Democratic party. He has a newspaper, in which he could have printed this attack on Parker, Hill, Cleveland and the things for which they stand, but he thought that by hiring a hall in a large city and delivering this indictment orally it would have more effect. Undoubtedly he was correct in this feeling. While an expression of this sort in the Commoner would be seen by only a few persons, and would attract very little attention, his demonstration in Chicago was published in all the daily papers of the country and was read by millions of people.

Nevertheless the Republican party will not be lulled into any undue sense of security by the despondency of its enemies. The Bryan bolt, if it takes place, will not cause any relaxation on the part of the Republican managers to get out a heavy vote on election day. They will act on the presumption throughout the canvass that the contest is going to be close, and they will see to it that their side of the situation is presented to the voters of the country. An active canvass will be made by them. They have the issues and they will have the ticket which will appeal to the support of men of education and character, and these will be utilized to the fullest possible extent for the benefit of the party. Whether the Democrats expect to win in 1908 or not, they are sure to be beaten badly in 1904. All the indications are against them. Not the slightest apprehension as to the result is felt in business circles anywhere. If there were any symptoms of a Democratic victory, enterprise would halt and a general cessation of industry would take place. Nothing of this sort is visible. Nothing of the sort is expected by anybody. Still the Republicans will act as if there were a chance that the Democrats would make a strong canvass. The Republican party will deal with the issues of 1904 in 1904, and will attend to the situation of 1908 when that comes to hand.

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An Oriental Sherlock Holmes.
A book on India tells of a native detective whose methods were anything but scrupulous. One important matter investigated was a robbery of about half a lakh of rupees' worth of silver ingots (about \$25,000) that was sent down on camels with an escort of fifteen armed men from Indore to Kotah. The escort was killed by Dacoits and the silver taken. Isri Pershad, the oriental Sherlock Holmes, rasseldar major of a native regiment, made it his business to bring these men to justice and when asked in after years how he obtained his proofs remarked, smilingly stroking his beard, that if a man was judiciously strung up, spread eagle wise, by his thumbs, much useful information might be extracted, and, having no marks of ill treatment to show to the scribes, he generally held his tongue. Of a certain witness in this case he wrote that he had "given awfully good evidence" at the trial, but as there was "just a little discrepancy" between this and his previous depositions before the political agent, when the original files were called for by the higher court, it would be better to omit this one and say it had been eaten by white ants."

Old Leather Bottles.
Leather bottles, or blackjacks, were common in Europe two centuries ago. The bottles were often made of one skin doubled up and closely stitched together, leaving an aperture for the neck. The thick piece between was inserted for the slip. It was meant to be slung at the back, a leather thong passed through two loops placed on either side of the neck, and it was sufficiently flat at the base to stand when put down. The stopper was made of wood, horn or old leather. A good deal of care was required in the preparation of the leather, which had to be oiled and worked with hammers to make it supple and then washed with a lye so that all the impurity was entirely removed, leaving the leather clean and dry. No moisture or air had any effect on it. Blackjacks were, in fact, flagons made in various sizes. They were sometimes pitched inside.

The Moslem Girl.
When she is twelve or fourteen the Moslem girl comes to know she is beautiful, though she does not marry at the early age of the Hindoo girl. She counts the saris and Cholis and sighs for fringes of pearls and modern diamond earrings she sees the friends of her mother wear. In her rose colored veil and gold spots she is the prettiest picture you ever saw. With gazelle eyes and Asiatic grace she is full of ardor and naivete at the same time. She runs like a fawn at the approach of a stranger, but when unobserved her laughter rings through the house, and the instinctive coquetry of her smiles shows that the purdah is a necessity. Everybody's Magazine.

Following in His Footsteps.
Visitors to China are particularly struck by the numbers of pairs of boots hung in separate wooden cages in the archway of the main west gate of Hsuanhua, the valedictory gifts of beneficent prefects. It is an attractive custom in China to invite a departing magistrate whose rule has been popular to leave a pair of old boots for suspension in a prominent place as a hint to his successor to follow in his footsteps. It is a considerable honor to be asked to leave these boots, and the ruled make the request all the more eagerly because they believe in the efficacy of the hint.

What Wrinkles Signify.
Wrinkled foreheads in children betoken consumption, rickets or idiosyncrasy. Vertical wrinkles of the brow come early to men who do much brain work. Arched and crossing wrinkles about the lower middle of the forehead betoken physical or mental suffering. Fine close meshed wrinkles which cover the face, sign of age and decrepitude, are caused by loss of contractile nervous force and are prevented by hot bathing, friction and electricity.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Gloomy Wedding Gift.
Two septuagenarians have just celebrated their golden wedding, and among their many presents was one from a tombstone manufacturer, whose gift took the form of a tombstone with the names of the couple engraved upon it. It will be at once erected upon a spot which the recipients of the gift have selected as their last resting place.—Liverpool Post.

Insulted.
Higgles—Is there any truth in the report that your employer discharged you last week? Muggins—Yes, but I wouldn't mind it so much if he hadn't added insult to injury. Higgles—Why, how's that? Muggins—He advertised for a small boy to fill my place.

How He Gained Success.
"Didn't he make a failure of life at first?"
"Well, yes; he failed at everything until he struck the happy idea of selling advice on how to succeed to young men who have more ambition than sense."—Chicago Post.

The Main Question.
"And you have finally decided the momentous question?"
"Well, no—or not exactly. We have decided to get married, but whether we'll board, keep house or live in a flat is still in the air."—Baltimore News.

Inconsistent.
Mrs. Smith—Mr. Smith, your rage makes you inconsistent. Mr. Smith—How so? Mrs. Smith—Why, because you are swearing on the prayer rug.

There is a difference between being busy and being industrious.

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PAUL GILMORE
-THE MUMMY AND THE HUMMING BIRD
SCENE FROM ACT 2

WHAT A WOMAN NEEDS.

A woman needs the sustaining power of an eternal love, and love sanctified by marriage is the only love capable of eternity. This is exemplified in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," the wonderful play that Mr. Paul Gilmore will present here on Thursday, May 5th, at the Grand. The Humming Bird is a human parasite, a spider-like butterfly, who hovers about the beautiful Lady Lumley and seeks to enmesh her in his web. Jack Lumley, the dear Mummy, is the husband, whose love is of the eternal quality; and how he manages to extricate her from the meshes without even disarranging one of the fine threads of the web, so far as the world is concerned, is the fascination and the charm of "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." True love appeals to old and young; for it is at once the fragrance and romance of life. It is

in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." Every line of this wonderful play is either a laugh, a tear, a thrill, a surprise or else an applause-compelling sentiment. Is it any wonder that such a play should have succeeded in Europe, America, Australia and Asia? Mr. Paul Gilmore, who appears as Lord Lumley in this beautiful play, is indeed fortunate to have secured "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." His interpretation of the dear Mummy is placing him among the great stars of the day, in the same rank with Sir Charles Wyndham, Nat Goodwin, John Drew and Joseph Jefferson; and this, it may be remarked, emphasizes the truth that "the play is the thing." The company engaged by Manager Jules Murry to support Mr. Gilmore is of exceptional ability, and the production is identical with the New York and London productions.

The Markets Late Yesterday.
NEW YORK, April 29.—Negotiations attending the canal payments with the further withdrawal of \$3,700,000 gold for Paris, overshadowed all other developments in the financial situation to-day. The stock market for a time held strong in spite of the gold withdrawals, but after the full details were disclosed, prices sagged off and the general list became weak. This was on recognition that this week's total outflow of \$12,800,

000 exceeds in volume any previous engagements announced during a similar period. Speculative interests was chiefly confined to the specialties in this group: United States Rubber, Brooklyn Union Gas, Mexican Central and Consolidated Gas, were features of strength.

The market in general, however, was very dull, with a small volume of trading in which London participated to a lesser extent than yesterday. The Stock Market closed inactive and rather weak.

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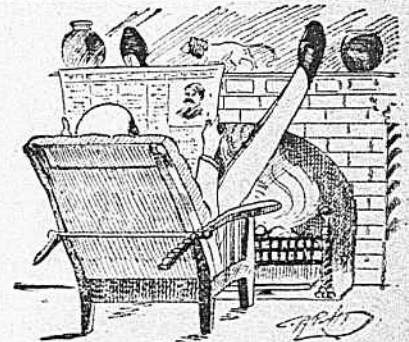
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